

"We are always classified as dull and boring. We hit a lot of singles (return rates)," Rose explained. "If we hit a double, we're euphoric."

This is a man who unabashedly loves his work. "They pay me to do this, which is fun."

That appreciation for the good things in life has been made sweeter by Rose's recent struggles to maintain his health. While many of those with diabetes suffer eye, heart or kidney problems, Rose—diagnosed 15 years ago—has been hit hard by all three.

Now 61, he is dependent on daily shots of insulin, has no vision in his left eye, underwent quadruple bypass heart surgery this year and endures three hours of dialysis—losing 7 pounds of fluid each time—three times a week while he awaits a kidney transplant.

Dialysis is an arduous process in which Rose's blood is removed from his body via a needle in an artery, then "dewatered" and cleaned of toxins—work normally done by healthy kidneys. The blood is returned through another needle inserted in a vein. Rose's arm shows a long line of scars from the process.

"I have nails in my workshop that are smaller than those needles," he says.

But Rose, who calls himself "basically an optimist," hasn't taken to his sickbed. He's been known to dress up in costumes for the amusement of others during dialysis and has added to an already jampacked personal schedule.

In addition to owning several local businesses, running his investment firm and serving as finance director for Gov. Tony Knowles' current campaign, Rose has added the American Diabetes Association to the already lengthy list of charitable organizations to which he volunteers time and his prodigious fund-raising energy.

Crediting a "good Rolodex" for his success, Rose has led a small group of local bicyclists to national championships in the Tour De Cure, a fund-raising event for the American Diabetes Association. For three years in a row, until this year, "Rose's Riders" raised more money than any other team in the United States—more than \$80,000 in four years.

Because of those efforts, the Alaska office of the association has created the Golden Rose Award. In a ceremony Saturday, Rose will be its first recipient.

"We wish to honor Dave for his generosity, as well as his commitment . . . to improve the lives of people with diabetes and to find a cure," district manager Connie Weel wrote in a press release.

Meanwhile, Rose looks for the best in his situation. With just one arm to use during dialysis, he can't manage both a book and the now-necessary magnifying glass, so he listens to books on tape—especially his favorite "trashy mysteries."

He even gets a kick out of a conversation with his doctor about whether he should get a Seeing Eye dog.

"He said to get a Lab, if I do, because in Alaska, if you're blind you can get a free hunting license."

Rose urges Alaskans to get a test to show if they're among the millions of Americans with undiagnosed diabetes—"You can deal with it if you catch it early enough"—and emphasizes the importance of becoming an organ donor.

Most important to him seems to be not letting diabetes limit his life. He and his wife, Fran—they married in 1959 and she's now "my eyes and driver"—dote on their Maine Coon Kitten, two grown sons and gardens.

"I'm trying to live a normal life and fit everything in," Rose says.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Thursday, October 1, 1998, the federal debt stood at \$5,540,570,493,226.32 (Five trillion, five hundred forty billion, five hundred seventy million, four hundred ninety-three thousand, two hundred twenty-six dollars and thirty-two cents).

One year ago, October 1, 1997, the federal debt stood at \$5,420,506,000,000 (Five trillion, four hundred twenty billion, five hundred six million).

Five years ago, October 1, 1993, the federal debt stood at \$4,406,340,000,000 (Four trillion, four hundred six billion, three hundred forty million).

Twenty-five years ago, October 1, 1973, the federal debt stood at \$460,589,000,000 (Four hundred sixty billion, five hundred eighty-nine million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion—\$5,079,981,493,226.32 (Five trillion, seventy-nine billion, nine hundred eighty-one million, four hundred ninety-three thousand, two hundred twenty-six dollars and thirty-two cents) during the past 25 years.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting two withdrawals and sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3616. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strength for fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to permit certain youth to perform certain work with wood products.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 1999" (Rept. No. 105-365).

Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment:

H.R. 2863: A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to clarify restrictions under that Act on baiting, to facilitate acquisition of migratory bird habitat, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-366).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2548. A bill to redesignate the Marsh-Billings National Historical Park in the State of Vermont as the "Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. D'AMATO:

S. 2549. A bill to provide that no Federal income tax shall be imposed on amounts received by Holocaust victims; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 2550. A bill for the relief of the State of Hawaii; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. D'AMATO:

S. 2551. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit the replacement of health insurance policies for certain disabled medicare beneficiaries notwithstanding that the replacement policies may duplicate medicare benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. Res. 285. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that all necessary steps should be taken to ensure the elections to be held in Gabon in December of 1998 are free and fair; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MACK:

S. Res. 286. A resolution expressing the Sense of the Senate that Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa should be commended for their accomplishments; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 287. A resolution to authorize representation by Senate Legal Counsel; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. D'AMATO:

S. 2549. A bill to provide that no Federal income tax shall be imposed on amounts received by Holocaust victims; to the Committee on Finance.

HOLOCAUST ASSETS TAX EXCLUSION ACT OF 1998

• Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, today I introduce the "Holocaust Assets Tax Exclusion Act of 1998." This act will make all income received by Holocaust